#### WHERE HAS-BEENS FLOCK

Washington the Magnet for Statesmen Out of Favor at Home.

TYPES OF STATESMEN OUT OF A JOB

Soiel Lobbies Filled with Men Who Were Once Congressmen or Prominent Public Officials -What They Do.

The victims of the vicissitudes of fortune embrace men in all the avenues of life, professional, mercantile and political. The most interesting, and, indeed, instructive revolution of power, but in the more self and involving neither party nor princi- church.

Washington is the harbor of this flotsam and jetsam, relates the Washington Post. The nation's capital first welcomed the great projetariot.

which spontaneously and naturally springs to the human breast on beholding the skelestatesman struts through the corridors of a botel to his seat in the lobby which he has kept free from dust by an admirable regularity of habit.

The number of submerged ex-statesmen in the nation's capital is not large in comparison to the many who have strutted their brief hour on the floors of congress and returned to the bosoms of their constituencies, with less exalted spirits, perhaps, but certainly wiser and more practiconclusions. Numerically speaking however, they are surprisingly many, and embrace one-time well known names. How do they live, and what occupations do they follow? Answers to these interrogatories must naturally develop in the narrative of their devolution from Capitol Hill to the Valley of Impecuniosity, where those alike who have never climbed the mount and those who have lost their footing and rolled down live in the unsympathetic fellowship of conscious disappointment or philosophical resignation.

Meteorie Career Begins. fielecting a type to illustrate the text is difficult only in the sense that the retrogression varies and that each individual reached the valley by a different route. Some made a toboggan slide of the matter, while others rolled down more deliberately, "oft pausing on the steep descent." A member of this latter class, who may be encountered nightly at his favorite hotelfor be it remembered these ex-statesmen their particular hotel-was some twenty years ago a practicing attorney in the county seat of his native county and state. Reduced on a farm, with numerous brothers name-opened a jackpot for 10 cents, and

His indisposition to work on the farm is accepted as an additional indication of his intellectual superiority, and his native ability to make the "worser seem the better part" whenever he is in a minority in the demestic economy of the family stamps him as a genius, from the maternal point of Some heavy sacrifices are required of the family to forward him in his career. But he more than compensates its members by the brilliancy with which he forges ahead of all competitors and rivals until he is the acknowledged head of the bar and n the enjoyment of a lucrative practice. In the natural order of evolution he fills the offices of county prosecutor and district

At what is considered a mature age, the crowning giory of representative in congreas of his district is conferred, and he enters the national capital with the eyes of his constituency expectantly fixed upon him as the coming man, the rising sun whose refulgent rays would illume if not immortalize the district which had the intelligence and sagacity to select him as the "favorite son." The district has selected many "favorite sons" who turned out indifferently, but this particular district any more than similar ones is never weary of selecting "favorite sons." And it is because of this almost universal penchant of dis triets that the subject in hand, after two terms, in which he fails to secure positions of emclument and trust for divers and sundry influential homemade politicians, is defaated for a third nomination.

But he has become acquainted during

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## New York's Archdiocese The Fourth Archbishop and this Responsibilities.

the duties of archbishop of New York, re- sagacious man of affairs. lates the New York Tribune, he will be the fourth to occupy that office. The first

Dr. John Hughes was consecrated titular statesman—not fallen in the sense of a munity had increased rapidly and when the squere miles in extent, archdiocese was created, on July 19, 1850, pathetic finale of a revolution of circum- the act was looked upon as a proper recog-

budding statesman, who in all the am- good on the people whose spiritual welfare vents, twenty communities of men and private chamberlain with the title of mongotten that this one-time "favorite son" of New York. In 1847 he was translated a tendance of 21.784. These schools are was made prothonotary apostolic in 1895. substantial existence as a member of the to assume the place made vacant by the one parcibial schools outside of New York, The evolution of the statesman from the created cardinal priest of the Holy Roman instruction last year. In all there are about particular sphere of influence where he had church on March 15, 1875, under the title 72,000 young people under Catholic church manner of life, easily approached and thorboth "a local habitation and a name" to of Sancta Maria supra Minervam. He died care in the archbishopric. the national legislature is monotonous in on October 10, 1885, and was succeeded by its sameness, and it is only in the ending Rev. Dr. Michael Augustine Corrigan. The that the lines are plaintively shadow- third archbishop was consecrated bishop of graphed, showing the point of demarkation Newark, N. J., in May, 1873, and promoted between the fortunate and the submerged. to the archiepiscopal see of Petra and made asylums, one infant asylum, twenty-six in- him a wise counsellor, whose services could Business failures, however disastrous, are coadjutor to Cardinal McCloskey, with the dustrial and reform schools, fileen hospi- always be depended upon. eliminated, or, indeed, devoid of that pathos | right of succession, on October 1, 1880. He succeeded to the see of New York on October 10, 1885, and was made assistant He died on May 5, 1902, and it was freely predicted at that time that the fourth arch-

The archbishop of New York's duties are Bishop Farley, who was the unanimous hishop of the diocese of New York was such that he must be possessed of more choice of the priests and bishops of the consecrated on April 24, 1808. He was suc- cessful, because all Roman Catholic church which these various institutions are manceeded by Right Rev. John Connolly on affairs of importance are referred to him aged and directed, was born in Ireland on November 6, 1814. Bishop John Dubois was, and no final action can be taken without his April 20, 1842. He attended St. Marcartan's his successor, assuming the high office on approval. The district over which he has college in Ireland and when he came to October 29, 1826. On January 7, 1828, Rev. jurisdiction consists of the boroughs of this country as a youth continued his

death of Archbishop Hughes. He was in which 3,967 hoys and 4,794 girls received

tals, three homes for aged, five immigrant

When Right Rev. John M. Farley assumes ble spiritual leader, but a wise and ince of New York, six in the state of New York and two in New Jersey

Right Rev. R. Luke Concanen, who was than ordinary executive ability to be suc- archdiocese for the important office through Manhattan, the Bronx and Richmond, and studies at St. John's college, Fordham, and bishop of Basileopoils and coadjutor to the the counties of Dutchess, Orange, Rock- at St. Joseph's seminary, in Troy. After an bishop of New York. He succeeded to the land, Sullivan, Uister and Westchester and advanced course in the American college at see of New York on December 20, 1842. the Bahama islands. The territory covers Rome he was ordained in that city on June from the point of view that "the greatest Eight years later he was raised to the 4,717 square miles in the United States 11, 1870, and the same year assumed the study of mankind is man" is the fallen dignity of archbishop. The Catholic com- and, with the Bahama islands, is 9,183 duties of rector of St. Peter's, New Brighton, Staten Island, where he remained There are 276 churches, of which 120 are two years. His worth was recognized by in cities and 156 in the country. There are Archbishop McCloskey, who chose him as stances, personal to the individual him- nition of the importance of the Catholic a'so 156 chapels and over these 716 priests his private secretary in 1872, and he represide. Of these 518 are secular and 198 tained that office twelve years, in which regularly ordained priests. These churches time he had many opportunities to study and chapels are maintained for the ac- the requirements for the position to which Archbishop Hughes was a man of marked commodation of 1,200,000 Catholics. There he has been called. In 1884 the pope conability and exerted a great influence for are also in the archibishopric thirty con- ferred on him the honorary position of bitious and exalted spirit of the selected was placed in his keeping, and when he thirty-four communities of women. For the signor, and in 1891 the next great honor and "favorite son" came credent aled by died, on June 3, 1864, he was sincerely accommodation of boys there are fifty- came to him in the form of an appointment his admiring constituency to the halls of mourned by the whole community. He nine parcellal schools, where the attend- as vicar general of the archdiocese of New congress, and Washington, when the afore- was succeeded by Rev. Dr. John McCloskey, ance last year was 19,267, and for girls York. He was advanced to the place of said admiring constituency has even for- who had been the coadjutor to the bishop there are sixty parochial schools, with an domestic prelate to the pope in 1892 and ever existed, affords him a refuge and a to the see of Albany and came from Albany ail in this city, but there are also seventy. On December 21, 1895, he was consecrated titular bishop of Zeugma.

The new archbishop is democratic in his oughly in sympathy with all movements for the betterment of the city and the people. Among the institutions over which the He has worked hard and enthusiastically archbishop, by virtue of his office, presides, in the cause of charity and the men who are one theological seminary, six orphan have been associated with him always found

The added dignity will sit lightly upon homes, four day nurseries and two schools Bishop Farley, whose courtly manner for deaf mutes. The archbishop of New marks him a prince of the church. He is tonized dignity with which the former at the pontifical throne on April 19, 1897. Vork is also the Metropolitan of the Prov- an eloquent preacher, has always been a ince of New York, which includes the whole close student and those who know him best states of New York and New Jersey. As say that he will fill the high place with bishop would be the able coadjutor, Bishop metropolitan the archbishop acts as arbi- dignity and in every way justify the con-Parley, who had demonstrated that he was trator in disputes between priests and bish- fidence reposed in him by his fellow priests not only a learned churchman and a capa- ops. There are eight bishops in the Prov- and by the pope.

## Sky Limit Poker

Police Reporters Stir Up a

many of us to smoke cot pipes until the we go out and gather in more coin? I end of it. beginning of snow time if it hadn't turned out the way it did," remarked an alderman beat to a standstill, but you are acting in of a western city, quoted by the New York such a sassy way in coming back at me money and take your pick—and every man Sun. "A pretty fair-sized percentage of that I don't feel much like going light on to whom Caldwell and Carter had revealed the downtown population was more or less you. mixed up in the outcome of the show-down, and the number of pikers who stood to go broke was remarkable.

"The game started between a quartet of newspaper men-night police reporters. They'd been in the babit of starting a small game every night, after the bulk of their of you." work was done, in the room set aside for newspaper men at police headquarters. They didn't hurt each other much in these games, although once in a while one of raised around pay day to as high as a quarter, succeeded in annexing most of the more than \$10 among the four of them on along without any sensational plays for an yours, with the limit taken off?" hour or so. Then Charlie Caldwell-which is close enough to the police reporter's gest,' said Caldwell. stab to his real name.

"Caldwell's hand shook a little when he surveyed his cards, for he never was a licensed poker player, being unable to control his facial expression and conduct at critical points of the game. And Carter, the countenance of a cigar store Indian, looked a bit flustered himself when he players who had dropped out looked at him

with some curiosity. "Both stood pat, and then, by 10-cent bounds-a dime being the limit-they both bet all the money they had. Then they each borrowed all of the money that the pair of dead once—the two who had dropped out-possessed, each man getting half, share and share alike. Then they bet that. When them the promise that they wouldn't give it came time for a show-down Caldwell said

to Carter: 'Charles, I've got a hand here that's to bet tonight. Is that the way you look upon your fistful?"

'Precisely,' replied Carter.

his two terms with the high and mighty.

He cultivates this acquaintance, too, to

such effect that after hanging around the

usual limit he receives a consular appoint-

ment to some tropical climate, where epi-

demics are of no commercial value and

anybody can have one for the asking, and

It should be stated that during his con

the dignity, if not the gravity of his rep-

he got settled in the consulate and made worship.

bor sends his blood coursing through his clerks.

arteries. The American man-o'-war fires

woman, the envy of her neighbors.

Time rolls on, as the novelist desirous of

time a revolution of power occurs, whereby

another consul enters the harbor amid the

predecessor. Home or Washington is now

In Washington he can find a variety of oc-

cupations which a gentleman, an ex-judge,

ex-congressman and an ex-United States

ing even the comments of the poorest paid

His new unofficial life in Washington

begins. He "devolutes" from claim at-

torney to office back, all the time sup-

ported by the hope of another consular ap-

ointment or "something equally as good."

He mars, however, his usefulness for office

ictailing his experiences abroad. How he

rdered the American man-o'-war Anni-

department clerk.

onstrate the hospitality of the country.

Becomes a Consul.

don't mind telling you that I've got you

"'Don't you let a little thing like that secret of the hand he knew about. worry you,' replied Carter. 'I've been

them, when the limit had been recklessly and they came back and bet that without that night. opening the envelopes.

wages of the other three. There wasn't asked then, 'or do you want to impoverish when the result was to be made known. your family by waiting until the morning At the appointed time Caldwell and Carter have not only their preferred chairs, but this night, though, and the game drifted and getting another bundle on that mess of "That's just what I was about to sug-

"So they abandoned the game for the and sisters, he is selected by unanimous the only man in the bunch who stayed was night, each man depositing his hand, still call you.' George Carter—which is a sufficiently close sealed up in its envelope, with the police sergeant on duty, the name of each man on the envelope containing his hand.

> "Now, all of this happened without anybody knowing anything about it except the four players who had started the game. But the next day the whole city department who in a game of poker generally exhibited was next. Caldwell came to me and told me, after asking me to pass my word that I wouldn't give it away, what his hand conscanned the five in his bunch. The two tained, and said that if I wanted to make a little side bet on it there was a book running on the outcome at one of the cafes patronized by city officials. I went there, and, sure enough, there was a regular betting game going on as to the relative

> merits of Caldwell's and Carter's hands. "Carter had put his friends next to what away its make-up, and the Carter party looked every bit as confident as the Caldwell party. Now, the Caldwell hand was worth more than the little coin we've got almost unbeatable and I took that end of to have my constituents know, although they aren't very finical in these matters, at "'Well,' said Caldwell, 'what's the mat- that. I just played Caldwell for a worldter with both of us sealing our hands up beater on that hand of his and got even

> > young seriveners in the law office, but the

members of the fire find them "non-pro-

ductive," and the ex-statesman, consul, etc.,

Business enterprises next claim his at-

tention, and as Washington is crowded with

"hot-air" artists, he is kept quite busy, and

ultimately strikes hard pan and faces the

from the congressional or national com-

mittee to stump the country, no clients in

in his bank account. His wife comes on,

The ex-statesman sinks below the

with all the pomp and circumstance due of the caravansary who congregate nightly are returned to him from magazines and

paper and his wife is a proud, if underfed, ridors of the hotel. They address him defer- ing postage stamps for his future con-

he expectorates the tobacco juice into the

authoritative voice is heard explaining.

premising and emphasizing. "When I sat in

state," or I "when I was representing my

he ends his days until the final summons,

his best friend the little wife who is ladling

out hash in probably a third or fifth-

"chair warmers," who have never been

who has sat upon the bench, legislated for

the country and raised his flag over a con-

sulate amid the booming of guns and the

work with the attention he commands in greatness" in the national capital? The have fallen by the wayside. There are a

course, not necessarily ex-congressmen.

and marines because the native government | the ex-state supreme court judge, the ex- tunes to several, while a few others have

had offended the dignity of an American state legislators, the inventor who has ex- boldly challenged the fickle jade and "won

Tales like these captivate the pended an independent fortune on some out" in other business lines.

acclamation of the populace.

permitted to forget the deference due a man his bearing, conversation and actions.

Are there many such "wrecks of former the unjust, the fortunate and those who

answer is scores, hundreds, although, of few ex-statesmen who have found their

entially as "judge" or "general," and as tributions.

They compromise their dif-

is courteously frozen out.

sometimes has it forced upon him to dem- his stories command a premium.

gressional terms he was so impressed with the claim business, and a few dollars only

esentative character, that he was largely and, fortunately, being several years his

in debt at the end of his services and the junior, has a clearer view of things, having

consulate is, therefore, most welcome. His more energy and practical common sense

wife went back to their former home until than the dignified wreck she was wont to

sultable arrangements for her reception. ferent points of view by the wife starting

His reception on entering the foreign har- a genteel boarding house for government

seventeen guns in his honor and the forts face in the new business firm of wife and

of the harbor join in the salute. As his self. His time is profitably spent in warm-

cutter passes the American cruiser the ing his favorite seat in the hotel lobby

ship is dressed and the bluejackets man the and deciding momentous questions on the

yards. The foreign dignitaries receive him science of government for the "rounders"

to his expited position. All these inspiring in winter months and doze quietly the sui-

details he minutely transmits to the county try afternoons of summer in the cool cor-

epitomining centuries to bring his plot to a generous cuspidor thoughtfully provided by

onclusion is forced to observe, and this the hotel management, his cracked but still

firing of salutes and the profanity of his the house for - district of my native

the alternative. At home he is forgotten, government in Terra del Fuego." And so

onsul can turn his hand to w thout excit- rate boarding house, and his associates the

distor to proceed to a certain port and The broken capitalist, the reduced planter,

"There was a poker game out in my town in envelopes and leaving them here on the money from the councilmen, police officials while back that might have forced a good table, in the custody of these fellows, while and city employes who took the Carter

> "That's the way the betting went-even his hand kept his word and held onto the

"During the day the word about those two ploughing around trying to get on your hands got all around town among sporting trail for a proper killing for some time men, politicians and all sorts of people inpast, and now that I've got you in the clined to take a chance, and I'd be afraid trench, I'm going to throw the clods on top to state just how much money must have been put up on the result. Both Caldwell and Carter had dug up \$300 or \$400 apiece "So the two hands were duly scaled up to bet on their respective hands and the and Caldwell and Carter went their re- sealed hands were to be opened publicly spective ways to get money. Each got \$50 in the cafe where the betting was going on

"Every man interested in the opening of 'Do you want to make it a call?' Carter the two envelopes was on hand that night stepped to the table whereon the two sealed envelopes rested, and Caldwell, producing a five-dollar bill, laid it down and said:

" 'Five more.' "Carter produced his five and said:

"All of us Caldwellites were on Caldwell's side of the table and we weren't particularly excited when the envelope was opened, for we know that Caldwell's hand was a sequence flush of hearts, from nine to king. But the Carter gang, on the other side of the table, set up a yell as the cards were laid on the table one after another.

"At first, so great was their shouting, we thought we were beat, but when we heard the vell. 'It's a stand-off,' we knew that we'd be able to draw down our money, anyway. The cat was out of the bag before Carter's envelope was opened and we knew that he had a sequence flush of diamonds, from nine to king.

"Of course the usual number of croakers who always maintain that one suit in a case he had in his hand, after exacting from like that heats another, tried to get in their work, but it didn't go. All of the purses were split and the game was declared no "That was probably the biggest poker

game, in point of the number of men enit to a much larger extent than I'd care gaged in it, ever played in this country, and perhaps as much money was wagered on the outcome of that showdown as ever was skated to the center of the baize in the biggest of Mississippi river poker games."

figment of his brain, and the other human

flotsam and jetsam who alternate on the

Every fair sized city has an example or

or half a dozen the capital of the nation

has them by the dozen, the score and the

military looking man of 70. He is living, no

one knows how, on a small pension. Forty

years ago, when scarcely 30 years of age,

he wore the stars of a brigadier general.

He is outranked in the hotel lobby, how-

ever, by the portly and dignified looking

gray-headed man in store clothes and last

season's straw hat who sat on the bench as

supreme judge of his native state and was

president of its constitutional convention.

subsequently coming to congress after

missing an election as United States senator

He rents a small room, which he makes

both study and bedroom. He spends hours

nor aggrieved when the rejected articles

newspapers. His one forethought or pro-

vision is centered on the problem of secur-

Here is another ex-representative in the

real estate business without an office or

clientele. He is fairly well acquainted and

manages occasionally to effect a trade, a

sale or an introduction netting him a com-

mission. And here is another who makes

himself agreeable to a club house manage-

ment. He feels neither envy nor regret at

his financial and social disqualification from

membership in the club, but is satisfied

with the protection of his sympathetic

patron or patrons. His self-respect is ad-

mirable and the gentleman is stamped upon

But there is a rift in the clouds, in the

lines and fortunes of the ex-statesmen

domictled in Washington, as there is a

silver lining to the most somber clouds

which sometimes overshadow the just and

Eldorado in the Capital City. Judicious in-

vestments in real estate have netted for-

by a defection of two votes.

he ex-statesman.

## RULER OF FRENCH REPUBLIC

Exacting Daties and Diversions of President Leubet of France.

ENTHUSIASTIC SPORTSMAN WITH A GUN

The Gallie Chief Executive and the Peasants He Meets on His Shooting Expeditions-His "Darby and Joan" Life. "

(Copyright, 1902, by Stephen Austin.) President Roosevelt might very probably dislike the comparison, but it is the fact that his "dear Brother of France"-to adopt the royal style-is as enthusiastic a hunter as himself. The two presidents of the two great republics of the world are nimrods, both.

There's a difference, of course; a difference depending upon the vastly dissimilar nature of the two countries. By the side of the "big game" exploits of President Roosevelt, "Papa Emile" has the air of a small boy pelting stones at garden sparrows from a catapult. He has not at his disposal the vast spaces teeming with superb wild life that Teddy made his own in his early days. But in his little way, Loubet is just as enthusiastic a slayer. He glories in it-and does it right well.

From early August till midwinter President Loubet rests from state ceremony and state work and foots it daily over miles of forest and plain, dealing destruction to the game of all kinds in which the state preserves are so rich. At this moment his gun is certainly cracking persistently at Rambouillet or Marly, once the demesnes of the kings of France, now the happy hunting grounds of the democratic presidents of the third republic. Both these classic spots are within

thirty miles of Paris. President Loubet could hang his rifle on its nail and appear Elysee in a couple of hours if he suddenly received news that Deroulede was marching on the capital across the Spanish border to establish his universal-suffrage republic-a highly unlikely contingency. As a matter of fact, the president does run up to Paris every now and then on a surprise visit and keeps the telephone wires bot with summonses to ministers and administrators to present reports and give him the news of the day.

Rifle in Hand, Pipe in Mouth. But for the most part he is buried these days in the heart of his forests, rifle in hand, pipe in mouth and innocent joy in his peasant soul. Clad in an old blue velvet coat, with his stout yellow gaiters drawn tight over the solid square-toed, heavily nailed shoes, a dilapidated, easy-fitting soft hat thrown in picturesque disorder on his head, he looks more like a benevolent poacher than a president bound normally by a rigid protocol. When he leaves Paris he slips off his presidency and becomes again the peasant of Montelimar.

At first these simple ways mightily dispiresed the people of France. They had distiked his predecessor, President Faure, for his haughty aristocratic or seignorial manner, for the stiff splendor and state with which he loved to surround himseif. "going to bed," as the Parisians said, "to an "affected simplicity" where Faure had been ridiculed for his pomp and parade. After two years and a half, the "peasant

of Montelimar" has become "Papa Loubet," and the smiling, white-haired old gentleman has found his way personally right to the hearts of the people. Even in Paris, where the mass is distinctly anti-ministerial, Loubet is always welcomed enthusiastically; in the country he is adored.

For miles round Rambouillet the people natured familiarity. In one cottage he has of the old school, who is often invited to often invited himself to take a cup of milk dine sans ceremonie at the chateau and and a rest while he reads the mail he has whose dry Eighteenth century humor keeps brought in the outer pocket of his shooting the president beaming with pleasure. bag; at another he has frequently depostells me with a delighted sense of humor. "mon dieu, how the president laughs when her husband's society as if he were my little Emile promises faithfully not to simple citizen. think of such a thing!"

Expensive Apples.

A favorite story in the purlieus of Rambouillet tells how the president was one day making brisk fire close to the chateau when he noticed that he was being tracked by an unkempt-looking individual keeping by his side some dozen yards or so within the shadow of the wood. "What are you doing there?" he called sternly. The man stumbled stupidly forward and held out a big bag. Then, addressing the president with the familiar "thou" which the working folk employ among themselves and which is not otherwise used except tween close friends, he said: "I have brought thee some apples, my

president." "Thou art very kind," said M. Loubet, humoring the man's familiarity, shall I thank thee?"

hotel chairs and compose the audience of "Thou shalt give me a pheasant!" was two of the ex-statesman, such as is above rhetorical question. described, but where other cities have two

Loubet laughed loud, took the apples and gave a pheasant, "the dearest apples I ever gave a pheasant, "the dearest apples I ever when he first joined their ranks, have bought in my life," said the president as finally proclaimed him "brave garcon" inevitable. No consulship, no assignment hundreds. Here is a tall, shabby, but he handed the bag to his gilly, from whom plained, he had feared some mischief was peasant president. STEVEN AUSTIN. afoot and his relief was immense when he found that the suspicious individual was only a simple woodcutter who, not possessing a sick wife or child, knew no other way of gratifying a rather undemocratic longing to add a president's pheasant to his pot-au-feu.

There does not seem any possibility of people of Rambouillet, though Madame Loubet is notoriously timorous on the subject. The only discordant note I heard of during a cycling expedition in the neighborhood was reported by a local gendarme. each day writing on the sheets of hotel This functionary was immeasurably shocked paper he carries off, and is neither offended by overhearing a young man in a wine shop diamissing M. Loubet's claim to respect in a phrase for whose contemptuous force idiomatic English has no equivalent. "Un appelle ca un president, ca le vieux "Call that a president, that old joker!" It was not very terrible after all, this victous outburst; only a lingering

echo of the old reproach of M. Loubet's excessive simplicity and bonhommie; and I searned from the indignant police office that the assembled drinkers promptly avenged the insult on the sportsman of Rambouillet by flinging the critic out at the door, On His Good Behavior. The offending youth would be happier probably if fate had east his lot at Marly. Here he would not be shocked by the sight

of a president shooting in an old blue coat. At Marly peor M. Loubet has to be on his good behavior and play a part. For it is in these classic, kingly woods that take place the state shooting parties which are de rigueur in this curiously hidebound democracy. Just as the president must never appear on the streets of Paris in quasi royal state, so he is strictly bound to hold at fixed intervals solemn official battues which the official world attends by right and not by invitation. There is the

shooting party for the senate, the shoot-

ing party for the ministers, the shooting

many others. These are state functions, controlled by a rigorous eliquette, arranged by a protocol as rigid as that which attends the reception of a reigning sovereign. The guests are formed into a long firing line, with the president in the center; every "gun" occupies relatively to the president the exact spot to which his office or his rank entitles him. The commandant, Lamy, who fills the ancient court office of grand veneur (high hunting master) is there to see that the president is observed precisely. Jokers say he would have to commit suicide on the spot if a simple deputy, for example, got one place nearer to the president than a deputy that had been min-

Behind the firing line is the serving line, o every guest a gilly with a second gun. The double, long-winged file advance in rigid order in an immense cleared space in front of the coverts; a bugie blast is blown; the beaters send the game flying to their death; the president fires first; in one second all the guns join in, and then it is every man blaze away as hard as he can, snatching a fresh filled gun from the man behind after each shot.

Frightful Slaughter of Birds.

The havor is frightful. The birds fall in hecatombs. They are put into a common "bag" and divided up afterwards-so many to the president, so many to the guests, according to their rank, so many to various local officials (mayors, sub-prefects and so forth) the rest to various hospitals and benevolent institutions depending on the state-always, by the way, a big bag for the hospital of Montelimar. It is said, apropos, that the president had quite a squabble with Commandant Lamy over this last bag. Montelimar had no existence on the ancient protocolian map; but M. Loubet held firm and the sick of his native village eat of the state game in season. It was a kind of a revolution.

"It is magnificent, but it is not sport," one may suppose that M. Loubet says to himself, for it is known that he dislikes the duly frock-coated and top-batted at the whole business-unlike President Faure who beamed with joy on these occasions and showed plainty that he felt himself, when center of the Marly firing line, a worthy successor of the long line of kings of France who had shot thus in state before

President Loubet has ample reason for his dislike of these solemn massacres even apart from the stiff ceremony which attends them. The birds are practically tame; a host of keepers tend them all the year round; they are protected from the severity of the winter; they are fed on ant's eggs to make them the more worthy and the fatter for the glorious death that awaits them. The peasant soul within the president revolts at this aristocratic refinement of cruelty; he would rather take his chance shot at a chance bird in good fighting, or flying condition.

He is a very fine marksman, by the way, rarely missing. He keeps his eye in very carefully, and when he is out walking in the country without a rifle, one may see him suddenly raise his stick to his left shoulder-he is a left-handed shot, by wayand gravely "cover" his aim. "Think I would have had him, hein!" he will say to his companion.

At Home and in the Country.

This they say is almost the only sort of remark he is likely to make when he is the sound of trumpets." But the change indulging in one of those brisk, sturdywas too sudden. Loubet was blamed for stepping country walks of his. At home he talks freely, boisterously even, according to general rumor, but out of doors he seems to resume the taciturnity of the peasants. He likes, however, to be talked to as he trudges along and is supposed for this reason to take especial pleasure in the company of Colonel de Lastours, commander of the garrison of Rambouillet, who is one of the liveliest conversationalists

a man would hear in a lifetime. He is very "thick" also with M. Gauthever tire of telling stories about his good- erin, the mayor of Rambouillet, a lawyer

These homely dinners at Rambouillet are ited a hare, a rabbit or a pheasant by the the joy of Mme. Loubet's heart; except way of a treat for the sick wife; in a third, for them she would scarcely know her they will tell you, that he has taken par- husband at all. At the Elysee he is occuticular notice of a little "Emile" whom he pied nearly all day with state affairs or gravely recommends not on any account to with functions that take him away from be president of the republic when he is a home; in the evening the dinner is nearly man. "And he laughs" the good woman always as solemn as a coronation. It is at Rambouillet that "la presidente" enjoys

Not any more closely than that, it is true, for if the ordinary citizen has his office to go to for the day the president is just as irresistibly drawn out of doors in the daylight hours, but like a faithful husband he comes home to dinner-and Mme. Loubet, to use the rather pathetic words currently attributed to her, "gets young again." They are good specimens of the "Darby and Joan" order of beings, the president and the presidente, and the informal evening meal at Rambouillet with one or two intimate, ancient friends as the only

guests, is a relief to madame's heart. As long as the university vacations last the son of the house, Paul Loubet, is generally there, a genial young law student, rather "rattle-pated" perhaps, who, in term-time, may be seen strolling down the Boul'mich' with his student's serviette under his arm, just like any other lively unpretending denizen of the Latin quarter. He is much liked in the quartier where the answer, unexpectedly practical, to the the camarrades of the "A" (the "Association Generals des Etudiants"), after reviewing him with some slight suspicion (good fellow), finding him just as goodhad the story. At first, the servitor ex- naturedly unpretending as his father, the

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